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| Title:      | SAFETY CONNECTION INTENDED FOR SUSPENDING OBJECTS<br>(AMENDED) |                 |                  |

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Commissioner:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment previously filed June 19, 2006, but unentered, be entered at this time.

Please charge our deposit account 13-2725 in the amount of \$395.00 to cover the required fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,



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